MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

COLD WATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

CONVENED WITH

Senatobia Baptist Church,

TATE COUNTY, MISS.,

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, A. D. 1886

OFFICERS:

ELDER JOHN RICHARDSON,.....MODERATOR.
ELDER J. H. AMACKER,.....CLERK.

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FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

Friday, October 14th, 1886.

The Coldwater Association convened in its forty-fifth annual session, with the Church at Senatobia, Tate County, Mississippi, Thursday October 14th, 1886.

Introductory Sermon by Elder J. H. Amacker, from Job, 25th and 4th. Theme: "Justification." Adjourned until half-past 2 P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Elder E. D. Miller, Moderator, in the chair. Devotional Exercises conducted by the Moderator.

Letters from the churches were read by Brethren L. F. Rainwater and L. C. Standifer, after which the Association proceeded to permanent organization by electing Elder John Richardson, Moderator, and Elder J. H. Amacker, Clerk. The Moderator on taking the chair, returned his thanks to the body and announced the Association ready for business.

White Oak Ridge and Grace Churches, recently organized, presented petitionary letters and

On motion of Elder E. D. Miller, were received into the Association and the hand of fellowship extended to their delegates by the Moderator. The pastor and deacons of Senatobia Church were appointed a Committee on Devotional Services.

On motion, Brethren J. B. Moody, W. R. Moore and A. F. Young were appointed on Finance.

On motion of Brother J. G. Hall, the time of meeting and adjournment was agreed upon as follows: Meet at 9 o'clock, A. M.; adjourn at 12 M.; meet again at half-past 1 P. M., and adjourn at half-past 4, P. M. Visiting brethren invited to seats. Accepted by Elder G. W. Floyd, of Tippah Association.

Appointed corresponding messengers as follows: To Big Hatchie Association, Elders W. D. Howze and E. L. Wesson—Brethren S. P. Dollahite and J. B. Moody.

On motion of Elder W. H. Carroll, adjourned. Benediction by Elder E. D. Miller.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Friday, October 15th, 1886.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator in the chair. Read 23rd Psalm. By request of Elder H. J. Smith, the Association knelt with Elder S. D. Johns in fervent prayer for our aged Brother Elder J. L. Brown, who was kept from attendance by sickness. The delegates from Mount Zion, State Line, Coldwater, Centre Hill and Oak Grove having arrived, the letters from those churches were read and the delegates seated.

On motion, Brother T. C. Dockery was elected Treasurer. Renewed the call for correspondece, which was responded to by Dr. Frederick Howard, editor of the "True Baptist," from Unity Association, of Tennessee, Dr. J. B. Gambrell, editor of the "Baptist Record," from Central Association; Elder W. I. Hargis and Brother J. L. Jackson, of the Yalobusha-Oxford Association.

Appointed correspondence as follows:

Yalobusha-Oxford—Elders W. M. Farmer, H. J. Legge and Brother George Seymour. Meets with Liberty Church, ten miles west of Grenada, Friday before 2nd Sabbath in October, 1887.

Chickasaw—Elder E. L. Wesson. Meets Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in September, 1887.

Tippah—Elders J. W. Collins, E. L. Wesson and Brother M. M. Moody. Meets Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1887, with Bluff Springs Church, five miles south-west of Ashland.

State Convention—Elders W. H. Carroll, J. W. Lipsey, H. J. Smith, E. W. Spencer, H. J. Legge, W. M. Farmer and Brethren T. W. White, P. H. Strickland, J. G. Hall, M. M. Moody and J. H. Amacker. Meets at Oxford, Mississippi, Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in July 1887.

Called for reports of Standing Committees.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Elder E. L. Wesson, and adopted, as follows:

On Foreign Missions.

Your Committee submits the following as a report of our Foreign Mission work:

Jesus gave to his people the "commission," "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and ever since that time his true followers have been going and preaching, and for some years past, have been sending men and women to heathen nations to live and teach to them the way of life. This we call "Foreign Missions." And God has not only given us the command "Go," but he has raised up in our midst men and women with hearts so filled with the great "commission" and desires for the souls of those in darkness, that they have

severed the ties that bound them to home and have gone to different parts of the earth to tell of Jesus.

We have now, in all, twenty-nine men and thirty women in foreign fields, and about fifty native assistants. We have in Italy Brother J. H. Eager and wife, who have the oversight of all our mission work there; and in that field, the home of the Pope, were baptized last year 24, making our total membership there 288. In Africa, we have 4 men and 4 women missionaries and 3 native evangelists. Only three cities are occupied, and they have from 65,000 to 175,000 inhabitants each; giving to each missionary and wife 80,000 souls to point to Jesus. There were baptized in that field last year 18, making our membership there 125, and these contributed $230 to the Master's work. Near $2.00 per member.

In Northern China, we have five men and five women missionaries, with a membership of 103.

In central China we have four men and five women missionaries, and some native assistants, with a membership of 97, and in Southern China, we have two men and five women missionaries, and 25 native assistants. In that field were baptized last year 17, total membership 247, contributions $448.38. The work was greatly hindered in China last year by political troubles.

In all of South America we have only five men and four women missionaries, and some native assistants. In that field were baptized last year 23; membership 168, contributions $485.

The outlook there is encouraging, though they have met with some persecution; but Brother Bagby writes: "Let persecutions, trials, troubles, and even death come, our motto is Brazil for Christ."

In Mexico we have three men and six women missionaries, teachers 3, and two native preachers—There we have done a great work; baptized 87; membership 270, and Brother Powell writes: "The work everywhere was never so encouraging." From this you see, brethren, that the work moves gradually on; also that the missionaries are training those converted to give to their own support, and that soon, we, like our Northern brethren, can report some self-supporting churches. Our missionaries are doing their best, and 'tis ours to uphold them by our prayers and support them with our means. The 60,000 Baptists, composing the "Mississippi Baptist Convention," gave last year only $3,909.92 to "Foreign Missions." And our own Association, with a membership of 2,883, gave only $576, about 26 cents per member. Such, brethren, is not the standard of Christian liberality.

The whole amount received last year from the churches, for Foreign Missions, was $78,000, which was $7,000 more than the previous year, but the increase of missionaries made the expen-

ses greater than ever before, therefore the Board was left in debt at the close of Convention year $8,600.

The total number baptized in foreign fields by the missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, and their native assistants, was 169. Entire membership 1,398. Amount contributed by foreign churches, $1,163.38. Respectfully submitted,

E. L. WESSON.

The report on State Missions not being ready, the report on Mississippi College was read by Brother J. G. Hall, and ably discussed by Brother P. H. Strickland, T. W. White, Dr. J. B. Gambrell, J. G. Hall and Dr. Frederick Howard. Pending its adoption a collection amounting to $35.00 was taken up for Ministerial Education and paid over to Dr. Gambrell.

The report was then adopted, as follows:

Report on Mississippi College.

To the Baptists of our State, Mississippi College should need no introduction and no recommendation. For thirty-five years it has been under the control of our denomination. Within that period it has passed through ordeals which seemed to imperil its very existence, and without the Divine favor it must long ago have perished. Yet, so marked has been the care of an over-ruling Providence, that "the foundations of the institution have grown stronger with age, and its position in the educational world is more and more assured."

If there has ever been any doubt in the minds of our people as to the wisdom of sustaining the College, it should give way before the great results which have been there wrought out. The mission of the College is peculiarly its own, and it may be said without any disparagement of other institutions in this State or elsewhere, that its work could be done by no other. It is as much as any other institution, a College in the true sense of the word and the education it gives to the real student is both progressive and thorough. Many young men go there who never would, and oftentimes never could obtain a collegiate education in any other institution. They go with singleness of purpose and with the resolution to work in real earnest for the accomplishment of that purpose. Indeed for this class the College seems to have an unusual attraction. Those who have seen the student body from time to time attest that nowhere can a like number of young men be found of higher standing, mentally and morally. But much as the College is doing in educating the minds of young men like these, its influence in inspiring them to lead Christian lives is not less marked, for both by precept and example is Christian influence brought to bear upon the students. In an age prone to doubt and skepticism a Christian education is priceless. He whose mind only is educated be it never so

well may be little less than a devil. He whose mind is stored with knowledge and whose heart is subdued by Divine grace, is not less than the grandest of God's creation. Well will it be for us if we can make religion and her "handmaid" education inseparable. In the presence of the facts briefly noticed and of others of which space forbids the mention, it is not strange that former students of the College proclaim the gospel in Europe, Asia and Africa: that it is giving to the pulpits and professions of our own land trained and vigorous men, and that its influence is being more and more felt in every vocation and in every direction.

It is a pleasure to say that the College is, financially, in better condition than for a long time past. At the close of the last session, or soon thereafter, for the first time in thirteen years, the members of the Faculty received their pay in full. To make sure that the College should not fail in its work, a number of brethren throughout the State, pledged the annual payment of certain sums, ranging in amount from ten to one-hundred dollars. The subscriptions so far received in this way aggregate about $2500.00 annually—more is hoped for. Encouraging as this is, it ought only to stimulate us to further effort. Money is needed for many things beside the salaries of the Professors. Repairs are constantly needed, additions should be made to buildings already erected, and some new ones should be built; and there should be every effort to render the facilities for the successful conduct of the College commensurate with the age and the importance of the work. It is to our discredit that we have done so little for the College while it has done so much for us. The endowment fund is wretchedly small, and we are making no effort to increase it.

If every one of the sixty-nine thousand white Baptists in Mississippi, would contribute one dollar to the College, it would be established beyond any ordinary contingency, and if they would give twice that sum, all reasonable wants of the College would be supplied, and a handsome endowment fund would be left. How small a thing this seems in so great a cause!

Brethren, help your College. Help it by your prayers, your influence, and your money. God has put this institution in our hands as a great trust, and at our hands shall the result be required.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HALL.

A petitionary letter and Articles of Faith from a church recently organized at Como, being presented and read, the church was, on motion, received into the Association, and the right hand of fellowship extended to its delegates by the Moderator.

The report on Sabbath-schools was read by Elder W. M. Gordon, and after an earnest address by Brother Gordon, was adopted as follows:

On Sabbath-Schools.

Your Committee to whom was referred the report on Sabbath-Schools beg leave to submit the following:

There has been so much spoken and written on the subject, there is nothing new to be said. There is no better way of impressing children's minds with Bible truth than in a Sabbath-School. Every church should have a school under its direction. How often do we hear it said "our church cannot have a Sabbath-School." "Our church" *won't* have one is the truth of the matter. The most of our churches have preaching but once a month, and without a Sabbath-School the children run at large for a month. The great commission requires us to teach them to observe all things "whatsoever I command you," and this cannot be done by occupying the pulpit one hour in each month. Hence, the necessity for such helps. We do insist that parents should *go with* their children each Sabbath to the Sabbath-School. So many parents remind us of the man's horse that had two faults. First, he was hard to catch, and second, worth nothing when caught. They are hard to get to the Sabbath School, then sit out under the shade trees to annoy and intimidate instead of taking their places in the class. Children should be taught to remain after school for preaching and not return home as they do in some places. If we are not careful we may have a new denomination known as the Sabbath-School Church. If you will visit the State Penitentiary you will find a very small per cent. of the convicts who ever enjoyed the privilege of a well conducted Sabbath-School. So you may have some assurance that you are not raising up boys for State prison life. We once lived by a man who was hung for murder. Among his last words were: "Oh, that my parents had brought me up in a Sabbath-School instead of a saloon—then I would not have brought their gray hairs to the grave in sorrow and this burning shame upon them."

Respectfully submitted.

W. M. GORDON.

The report on Publications by Elder J. W. Lipsey and on Home Missions, Elder M. S. Kirkland, were called for, and the writers not being present, they were passed by and the report on Temperance read by the Moderator, Elder John Richardson (Elder W. H. Carroll in the chair) and discussed by Dr. J. B. Gambrell. Pending the adoption of the report the Association adjourned for dinner.

After the adoption of the motion to adjourn, Elder W. H. Carroll, in a brief but feeling address, welcomed the Association to the hospitalities of the church and community, Elder J. H. Amacker, by request of the Moderator, responding on behalf of the Association. Benediction by the Moderator.

Afternoon Session.

At half-past 1 o'clock, P. M., the Moderator again called the body to order, reading the 51st. Psalm. Elder W. M. Gordon led in prayer. Resumed consideration of the report on Temperance, which was adopted as read, as follows:

On Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance would respectfully submit: That, the Antithesis, intemperance (restricted to intoxicating drinks) seems to have been a theme for years past. The good of the one and the evils of the other having been presented by the advocates of Temperance until from these stand-points the subject has been quite exhausted. However, we will say that intemperance impairs understanding, wastes an estate, destroys reputation, consumes the body, and renders a man of the brightest parts a common jest of the meanest clown. Prohibition, I believe, is the tocsin of the hour—the antedote for imtemperance. Prohibition means action. The devastation, *per se*, caused from intemperance, demands action on the part of our government. Sir, the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of our government should feel under obligation to devise means and ways to suppress this monster vice, intemperance. Why, sir, in the language of L. Beecher, "should a foreign army land on our shores to levy such a tax upon us as intemperance levies, no mortal power could resist the swelling tide of indignation that would overwhelm it. Prohibition and anti-prohibition have each a technical term—the former dry, the latter wet, and which ever in this desperate game of wet, or dry wins, will, in a great measure. decide the future destiny of this nation as to the question under consideration. Should the latter win, a grand and glorious event could and would be put to record on the page of our nation's history. That this event may be recorded, let us one and all be co-workers with the leading lights of the prohibition movement, and may *intemperance be buried so deep* in the ocean of oblivion that the bubbles won't rise after it.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN RICHARDSON, Chairman.

Corresponding messengers from the Sardis Baptist Association East and the Holly Springs Association, both colored, presented themselves with letters of correspondence, and were invited to seats. Elders J. B. Butler and John Anthony, and Brother W. Farmer from the former, and Elders Henry Duty and J. M. Williams from the latter Association.

On motion, Elder M. S. Kirkland on Home Missions, and Brother T. W. White on State Missions were granted time until to-morrow at 10 o'clock to report.

Elder H. J. Legge was appointed to write a report on Publica-

tions in the absence of the Standing Committee, Elder J. W. Lipsey.

On motion, the rules were suspended for preaching. During suspension of the rules, Dr. Frederick Howard preached an able and instructive sermon from Daniel 3d and 4th. Theme: "The wonders of creative wisdom."

On resuming business, Elder J. W. Lipsey having arrived, was, on motion, added to the Special Committee on Publications.

A committee of three, consisting of Elder W. M. Gordon and Brethren J. G. Hall and W. W. Perry were appointed on Nominations.

A motion to revise the list of ordained ministers of the Association was lost.

Committee on Nominations, through Brother J. G. Hall, reported Central, Coldwater as the next place to hold the Assso-ciation. Adopted.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder J. W. Collins. Benediction by Elder J. W. Lipsey.

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THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Saturday, October 16th, 1886.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator in the Chair. Read 19th Psalm. Prayer by Brother D. J. Perry. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Called the roll and marked absentees. Visiting brethren invited to seats. Accepted by Dr. J. L. Johnson and Brother J. L. Jackson, of the Yalobusha-Oxford Association.

On motion, the consideration of the Associational Mission Board was set for 10 o'clock.

The report on State Missions was read by Brother T. W. White and discussed by Dr. J. B. Gambrell.

The hour set for the consideration of the report of the Associational Board having arrived, on motion of Brother J. G. Hall, it was postponed until the report on State Missions was disposed of. The discussion of said report was continued—participated in by Dr. J. L. Johnson, Elders M. S. Kirkland, E. W. Spencer, Brethren J. G. Hall, D. J. Perry, and adopted as follows:

On State Missions.

The Convention Board of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention is charged with jurisdiction over Foreign Missions, Home Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, Education—including College support, Ministerial Education at Mississippi College or Seminary,—and of State Missions. It is concerning the latter that it is my duty to report.

The headquarters of the State Mission work is at the State

Capitol, where the Convention Board is now located. The aim of this work is, to evangelize the people, to unify and develop the principles of our denomination throughout the State, to preach the gospel in the destitute places of the State, to aid and uphold weak and failing churches in having the gospel preached to them, to open and establish new centres of influence on the constantly extending lines of railroads, to aid in the building of houses of worship, to scatter broad-cast tracts and religious books over the entire State—to send much needed instructions to the colored people of the State. It will be seen at a glance that this is a wide and most inviting field of Christian enterprise. That the objects and the aims of the Board appeal in the strongest manner to every Baptist heart to co-operate with and sustain them in the arduous work that is set before them. It is through the labors of this Board that the Baptists in the portions of the State, where they are strong, can aid and build up our cause in those portions of the State where the denomination is weak. In the bounds of Coldwater Association, Baptist principles have had a strong and firm footing from its earliest settlement, and our Association can, and will always aid our brethren to spread and maintain the principles of our denomination in those sections of our State where our people are not so numerous and have never enjoyed those advantages which we have so long possessed. The co-operation of the Convention Board with the different Associational Boards of the State, is the chosen and effectual means by which those results will be best accomplished. Between them there can be no proper conflict. Both laboring for the cause of the Master they can most successfully work out the great ends of salvation by a union of every agency within the power of each. The report of the State Board to the State Convention at its last meeting at Meridian, shows that it has not been idle and that its efforts have been attended with important results. During last year 42 Missionaries were employed. A summary of the work is as follows: Days of actual service, 3,384; number of miles traveled, 33,931; number of sermons preached, 1,229; church prayer-meetings attended, 310; families visited for religious purposes, 2,974; Sunday-school addresses delivered, 144; number of pages of tracts distributed, 37,400; money collected for church buildings $3,665; houses of worship built, 6. As a result of these labors there were added to the church in this quarter alone, 450 members. A result gratifying in itself, but more so, from the hope that the good seed will continue to grow and spread. While this much has already been done in the past year, it is the aim and confident hope of the Board that greater results will be obtained during the present.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. WHITE.

The report of the Associational Mission Board, was read by Elder W. D. Howze, and in connection therewith, Elders M. S. Kirkland and J. W. Collins, read reports of their work as Associational Evangelists and Colporteurs, which were added as supplemental reports of the Board. Elder E. W. Spencer, also made a verbal report of his work at Como, at which point a church has been organized by him. The combined reports were discussed by Elder W. D. Howze and Dr. J. L. Johnson.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, on motion of Elder H. J. Smith, the time for adjournment was extended until Dr. Johnson could be fully heard on the adoption of the reports. Said reports showing a deficiency in the funds of the Board, at the conclusion of Dr. Johnson's address, a collection was taken up amountiug to $111.60 in cash and $15.00 in subscriptions to make up the deficit.

On motion, adjourned. Benediction by the Moderator.

Afternoon Session.

Met again at half-past 1 o'clock. The Moderator in the Chair. Read 23rd Psalm. Prayer by Elder H. J. Legge.

Took up again the report of the Associational Board, which was adopted without further discussion, as follows:

Report of Associational Mission Board.

Six years ago, the Association through its Board, determined on supplementing weak churches as well as sending the gospel to localities absolutely destitute. This was at that time deemed wisest. Since that time, without exception, the same course has been followed. This, therefore, has not only the force of precedent with us, but we learn that other mission bodies have done the same. This has been done by the State Board, Domestic and Indian Board, now known as the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is pre-eminently the course of the Foreign Mission Board of the same body. While your Board the past year has followed the old path from the foregoing consideration, we have not been wedded to it, to the exclusion of other methods. Following the directions of the Association, our Evangelists have sold our denominational books wherever they could. An experience of two years has disclosed the fact that this book selling is objectionable. The object had in making Colporteurs of our Evangelists is not attained. The books we wish sold, are the very ones not sold. For an itemized statement showing actual results as far as we can see them, of our year's work, we refer you to the reports of the Evangelists. The order of the Assaciation, "to co-operate with the State Convention as far as practicable" in our mission work, was attended to at the first meeting of your Board. Brother Gambrell, Secretary

of the Convention Board, met with us at Arkabutla, Tate County, Mississippi, and the plan and details were harmoniously adjusted. Our Evangelists were to be recognized as conducting State work, to receive commissions from the Convention Board, to report to that Board, as well as ours, and all collections in this Association for missions to be applied to paying our missionaries first, and if there is an excess, let it go to the Treasury of the Convention Board. Besides the general evangelistic colportage work of our missionaries, the selections of the fields and details of service are left to the Chairman and the Evangelists. As soon as possible the details were arranged; these were, Brother Collins to preach to Greenwood, that Church to pay $100.00 for his services, also, to preach to Eudora, this Church to pay $50 00. We agreed to furnish the preaching to Bold Springs if they would build a church-house. This they have done and we have there to-day, a new Baptist church-house, built as such, and the land deeded for that purpose. In addition, Brother Collins has preached regularly in what is "Wild Cat." Held a series of meetings there, and organized a church. Here we have an interest in a house. We hope to have an effective organization. Bro. Kirkland, in addition to his general evangelistic and colportage labors in the Southern part of the Association, has preached regularly to Singleton Springs Church at a promised salary of $80 00. He has also entered the bottom on the line of the Valley road and held regular service near Tunica Station, probably the future county site of Tunica county. He has greatly aided in arousing an interest in a church-house there, the pledges for building which, have been made, sufficient, we hope, for its completion. There are some ten or twelve Baptists scattered through this section, accessible to the contemplated house, who would have been organized into a church in the summer but for sickness. A series of meetings was held by both our missionaries here in June, but no result was appreciable. Services were protracted at Bold Springs and Eudora by Brother Collins, assisted by Brother Wesson, of Byhalia, with good, visible results. At Bold Springs, seven professed, four baptized; Eudora, three professed, three baptized, also by Brother Kirkland, at Singleton Springs, resulting in a revival among Christians, many professions and seven baptisms. The most gratifying fact to report, as far as your Board is informed, is the general interest in our destitution and comprehension and approval of our methods and work. While it devolves on the Association to say what shall be the make-up of the Board, for the ensuing year, or whether we attempt anything further in our own borders, your Board begs to suggest that we are now, as we think, fully informed as to our destitution in its most prominent localities, and

to that extent, prepared to address ourselves towards supplying it. The interests of the cause at Como are by no means least important. Brother E. W. Spencer has been laboring in that locality. There has been an organization and about enough money raised to build a church-house, but not enough to buy a lot. But for this would have begun work probably early in the summer. Every point of any importance within our territory, except Nesbit, on the M. & T. road, will then have a Baptist church either in, or convenient to it, (Horn Lake, Bold Springs, Love, Ebenezer.)

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. HOWZE, Ch'n.

Report of Elder M. S. Kirkland, Evangelist.

As Evangelist and Colporteur, I would respectfully submit the following summary of work done during the Associational year: Number of miles traveled, 2,835; sermons preached, 79; families visited and prayed with, 110; baptized, 9; baptized by others where I preached, 28; received by letter, 5; restored, 6; amount of books sold, $377 55; net profits on books, $99 85; amount of money collected, $66 00; amount overlooked last report, $2 50; Sunday-schools organized, 1; prayer meetings organized, 1.

Would recommend that the Association raise a "trust fund" to purchase books and make each pastor an agent to distribute the same as this literature is really needed, but the very thing that will not sell rapidly.

M. S. KIRKLAND.

Report of J. W. Collins, Evangelist.

Would respectfully submit the following: Number of miles traveled, 2,621; sermons preached, 123; religious visits, 220; baptized, 11; Received by letter, 8; Amount of books sold, $117 25; money collected, $159 90; Sunday-schools organized, 3; Sunday-school addresses, 5.

Respectfully sumbitted,

J. W. COLLINS.

On motion, Brother J. L. Mabry was appointed a committee to prepare and forward to the Clerk for publication in the minutes an obituary of brethren B. Sugg and W. M. Harris.

Report of Obituary Committee.

Since our last Association, two of our brethren, that often met with us, have died. Brantly Sugg, of the Tyro Church, and Wm. M. Harris, of the Philadelphia Church. Brother Sugg had gone over his four-score years. Brother Harris had nearly accomplished his three-score years. Both were exemplary, active and useful members of the church, ever willing and ready to bear

their portion of its pecuniary burdens and contribute liberally to its different objects of work. Brother Harris, at the time of his death, was a member of the Executive Board of the Association. Both of them were called away suddenly, which should forcibly remind us that are left behind, of the important truth announced by the Savior himself, exhorting his disciples to be ready, "for in such in an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

JAS. L. MABRY, Committee.

The report on Publications was read by Elder J. W. Lipsey, of Committee. Elder M. S. Kirkland moved to amend by adding the Tennessee Baptist to the papers recommended by the report. Lost Brother J. G. Hall moved to amend by striking out first and third clauses and inserting. Carried. And the report. after an animated discussion, was adopted as follows:

On Publications.

Your Committee to whom was referred the report on Publications, submit the following:

We have numerous religious periodicals worthy of our patronage, but will especially mention, first, "Kind Words" as suitable for use in all our Sabbath-Schools for the reason that it pays largely to Missions in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention and by supporting our own Sunday-School paper we help our own Mission cause. We also commend the Sunday-School literature and denominational tracts and books of the American Baptist Publication Society. Second, our "Foreign Mission Journal" ought to be in every family. Ignorance of Missions is the only excuse for omissions or anti-missions. Third, we commend our State paper the "Baptist Record" as worthy of the earnest support of our people.

We fully believe our papers need more of the Cross and less of news—more of the necessity of the "washing of regeneration" and less of worldly topics.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LIPSEY, Chairman.

The Associational Mission Board was reorganized and the following named brethren appointed to constitute a new Board for the incoming year, viz: T. W. White, T. J. Harwell, D. J. Perry, W. R. Barbee, W. T. Stoval, T. C. Dockery, Sam Hughey, Z. J. Hill, A. M. Haraway, M. M. Moody, R. J. Dean, A. P. Brigance, A. E. Crook, E. L. Wesson, Geo. Seymour, A. S. Baugh, W. W. Perry, J. B. Hurdle, J. H. Boone, G. W. Durley, A. J. Dixon, A. F. Young, John Gilly, J. M. Dean, L. W. Metts, J. W. Smith, W. E. Jeffries, J. C. Drake, J. G. Hall, S. D. Johns, P. H. Lowery, G. E. Farmer, D. S. McCrackin, W. C. Lamaster, J. J. Henderson, T. F. Keating, J. H. Solomon, T. D. Floyd, J. D. Myers, H. J. Legge, R. F. Jackson, M. G. Nelson and J. B. Smith.

Some of the churches suggested in their letters the names of their members of the Board. The majority, however, did not, and the Association appointed them on recommendation—three: Mt. Monna, Greenwood and Elam recommended no one, and consequently are not as yet represented.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by Brother J. B. Moody, Chairman and adopted as follows:

On Finance.

Your Committee on Finance would report the following receipts and disbursements:

To amount State and Associational Missions	$601 40
" " cash collections	111 60
" " Foreign Missions	72 30
" " Home Missions	1 60
" " Ministerial Education	35 00
" " Mississippi College	11 50
" " For Minutes	67 65
Total	$901 05

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. MOODY,
W. R. MOORE,
A. F. YOUNG,
Committee

The report of the Treasurer was read by Brother T. C. Dockery and adopted as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

T. C. DOCKERY, Treasurer,
In account with COLDWATER ASSOCIATION:

1886.

To amount cash received from Finance Committee....$904 05

CREDITS.

By cash to J. H. Amacker, Clerk	$ 67 65
" " " W. D Howze, Cha'm Associational Board	716 00
" " " J. B. Gambrell for Foreign Missions	72 30
" " " " " for Home Missions	1 60
" " " " " for Mississippi College	11 50
" " " " " Ministerial Education	35 00
Total	$904 05

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. DOCKERY, Treasurer.

(After the Finance Committee reported $3 more were handed in and turned over to the Treasurer, which accounts for the discrepancy between the two reports.)—CLERK.

Standing Committee were appointed as follows: Foreign Missions, Elder H. J. Smith; State Missions, J. W. Lipsey; Home Missions, Elder J. H. Amacker; Publications, Elder E. L. Wesson; Sabbath-Schools, J. G. Hall; Temperance, J. H. Solomon; Duties of Pastors to Churches, J. M. Dean; Duties of Churches to Pastors, Elder W. D. Howze.

On motion, Elder E. L. Wesson was appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon; Elder H. J. Smith, alternate.

The following resolutions by Elder H. J. Smith were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are due and are hereby tendered to the Senatobia Church and community, for their kind hospitality during the session of the body, and also to the Pedo-baptist brethren for the kind tender of their houses of worship.

Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed twenty dollars out of the minute fund for his services, and that the balance of the fund be expended in publishing and mailing minutes to the churches.

Resolved, That the Associational Mission Board be authorized to make such arrangements as they deem expedient for the distribution of tracts and other religious literature.

A motion to adjourn was adopted. The hymn, "Nearer my God to Thee," was sung, and the parting hand given. The Moderator delivered a most touching farewell address. Elder H. J. Smith led in prayer. The benediction was pronounced by Elder W. H. Carroll, and the Association was declared adjourned to meet with Central Coldwater Church, Thursday before the 3d Lord's Day in October.

J. H. AMACKER,
Clerk.

JOHN RICHARDSON,
Moderator.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Names.	Post Offices.	
E. D. Miller	Holly Springs,	Miss.
J. W. Lipsey	Coldwater,	"
H. J. Smith	Arkabutla,	"
M. S. Kirkland	Hernando,	"
W. D. Howze	"	"
W. M. Farmer	Senatobia,	"
S. D. Johns	"	"
J. W. Echols	"	"
J. N. Billingsley	"	"
D. M. Lowery	"	"
W. A. O'Daniel	"	"
W. H. Carroll	"	"
A. G. Perry	Coldwater,	"
J. L. Brown	Arkabutla,	"
I. H. Hagler	"	"
Jobe Harral	Eudora,	"
N. L. Wilson	Watson,	"
H. J. Legge	Sardis,	"
E. W. Spencer	"	"
John Richardson	Wall Hill,	"
T. J. Carter	Cockrum,	"
W. M. Gordon	Looxahoma,	"
J. H. Amacker	"	"
H. C. Lowry	Poplar Corner,	"
L. W. Metts	Harmontown,	"
N. F. Metts	"	"
G. W. Floyd	Slayden's Crossing,	"
—— Morris	" "	"
J. H. Hurdle	" "	"
J. W. Collins	Byhalia,	"
E. L. Wesson	"	"
W. T. Hudson	Longtown,	"
John Thompson	Tyro,	"
Henry Bennett	Hernando,	"
G. W. Johnson	Collierville,	Tenn.
A. G. Parrot	Germantown,	"
G. W. Hollowell	Wallace,	"

LICENTIATES.

F. J. Harwell	Hernando,	Miss.
D. J. Perry	"	"
Edward Hastler	Eudora,	"
J. S. Patterson	Batesville,	"
Cathey Austin	Coldwater,	"
Plautus Lipsey	"	"
J. W. Sturtevant	Coldwater,	"

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE.	PASTOR.	
Hernando,	DeSoto,	Hernando,		T W
Oak Grove,	"	"	W D Howze	W D
Hopewell,	Tate	Arkabutla	H J Smith	S W
Gray's Creek,	"	Cold Water	A G Perry	D J P
Mt. Manna,	DeSoto	Cockrum	T J Carter	T J C
Central Coldwater	Tate,	Cold Water	J W Lipsey	W R
Ebenezer,	DeSoto,	Love's	H J Smith	T C Do
Bold Springs,	"	Poplar Corner	J W Collins	H C L
Eudora	"	Eudora	J W Collins	W R
Greenwood,	"	DeSoto Front	J W Collins	Sister
Holly Springs	Marshall	Holly Springs	E D Miller	E D M
Centre Hill,	DeSoto	Olive Branch	G W Johnson	A M
Cold Water,	Marshall	Collierville	A G Parrot	R J
State Line,	DeSoto	Olive Branch	G W Johnson	A P
Pleasant Grove,	Marshall	Red Banks	E L Wesson	A E
Byhalia,	"	Byhalia	E L Wesson	E L
Elam,	"	Watson	E L Wesson	W A
New Prospect,	DeSoto	Louisburg	T J Carter	W H
Pleasant Hill,	"	Pleasant Hill	H Bennet	A D
Philadelphia,	Marshall	Wall Hill	J Richardson	E L
Alexandria,	"	Slayden's Cros'ng	G W Floyd	J Co
New Hope,	Tate	Cockrum	J Richardson	John
Como,	Panola,	Como	E W Spencer	Lillie
Sardis,	"	Sardis	E W Spencer	E W
Salem,	Tate	Senatobia	S D Johns	S D J
Panola,	Panola	Batesville	J W Lipsey	L C
Longtown,	"	Longtown	W T Hudson	G E
Senatobia,	Tate.	Senatobia	W H Carroll	W H
McIvor	Panola	Batesville	S D Johns	W C
Peach Creek,	"	Pleasant Grove	J W Lipsey	S C F
Oak Ridge,	"	Star Place	W M Farmer	J T K
Singleton Springs	Tate	Strayhorns	M S Kirkland	J H S
Mt. Lebanon,	"	"	H J Smith	Fergu
Unity,	Panola,	Como	H J Legge	J H
Hebron,	"	Sardis	H J Legge	H J
White Oak Grove	"	Longtown	S D Johns	M G
Bethel,	Tate	Coldwater	J H Amacker	T B.
Tyro,	"	Tyro	J H Amacker	J H
Union,	Panola	Sardis	H J Legge	N H
Looxahoma,	Tate.	Looxahoma	W M Gordon	W M
Midway,	"	Senatobia	W A O'Daniel	W C
Mt. Moriah,	Marshall	Chulahoma	E D Miller	John
Hickory Grove,	Tate.	Eckles	J H Amacker	J M
New Hope,	Lafayette,	Har ontown	W M Gordon	L W
Harmony,	"	"	G W Hollowell	G W
Chulahoma,	Marshall	Chulahoma	J Richardson	W I
Mt. Zion,	Tate.	Independence	J H Amacker	J S
Grace,	"	Senatobia	N F Metts	B F
Union Grove,	Panola	The Gums		No le
Mastodon,	"	Mastodon		No le

Some of the amounts above were not sent up to the Association but forw

MINUTES

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OFFICERS:

ELDER E. D. MILLER, Moderator.

ELDER J. H. AMACKER, Clerk.

SENATOBIA, MISS.

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